

**Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A**

Members present: J. Kaeding, J. Pillo, M. Robie, E. Z. Smith, L. Wesler

Absent: C. Adams, P. Garrison, G. Jacobson, W. Loftus **Other:** Syd Blodgett, P&Z Commission

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.**
2. **Seating of alternates:** None.
3. **Approval/Amendment of minutes:** Approval of December 2014 minutes deferred until the next meeting. Discussed checking on the status of posting of January and February regular meeting minutes and the most recent DRC minutes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Kaeding reported a balance of \$699.
5. **Public participation:** Syd Blodgett of PZC presented an informative PowerPoint presentation on Woodstock's zoning subdivision regulations and conservation developments.
6. **Communications**
 - Kaeding has copy of Board of Education letter regarding their budget – looking for feedback.
 - Kaeding has copy of records retention policy from Allan Walker.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Development Review Committee (DRC) Report: No report. Upcoming meeting on a two lot subdivision scheduled for March 17, 2015.
 - b. OSLA&APC: No report.
 - c. P&Z: see above.
 - d. Quarry/Perrin Road review: Kaeding emailed First Selectman Allan Walker a copy of the report (dated January 20, 2015) prepared by forester Dan Donahue, Director of Land Protection & Stewardship, the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc. Donahue had written the 1999 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the property. The report described their recent walk through of the property, and offered comments on trees that had been marked. See previous minutes where CC voted to fund development of the FMP from their passbook account, provided the cost would be reimbursed from the proceeds of a timber harvest. Pillo noted that the passbook account was created from a donation, and in the past has been used for special projects, such as planting trees. Smith emphasized the need to move forward with developing the FMP with the foresters, to enable a sustainable harvest to take place as soon as possible. No response has been received from the Selectman's office to date. Kaeding will follow-up with Walker again, and ask specifically how to request reimbursement for the FMP from Board of Finance.
 - e. Conservation easement template review: Smith had emailed the template that is currently in use for easements accepted by the Town. The CC had helped developed the template, but there are some concerns about wording and enforceability, so comments from CC members and the Ag Commission have been requested. Smith will email it again, along with the model Ag and Conservation easements developed by the American Farmland Trust.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Nomination & election of officers: The following slate was nominated and approved unanimously: Jim Kaeding, Chair; Jean Pillo, Vice Chair; Grace Jacobson, Secretary and Treasurer.

- b. Yearly review of by-laws: All agreed no changes were needed at this time. The most current version should be posted on the CC website, with an approval date of March 2, 2015.
- c. Open Discussion regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD): Pillo spoke at the PZC Thursday meeting regarding the CC's concerns about the lack of content on conservation and natural resources in the current version of the POCD. The CC had requested that the PZC reject the plan. The hearing has been closed. PZC intends to submit the POCD by the July 1, 2015 deadline. Pillo has drafted several summary pages and will send to Delia Fey, asking her to include it in the latest version of the POCD. Discussion ensued about next steps, and the need to locate the most current version of suggested revisions to the POCD/APOSC that the CC subcommittee had been working on for several years.
- d. Notice/review of workshops: Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment – 9:10 p.m.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments.

Respectfully submitted by M. Robie and E.Z. Smith, Members WCC